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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will e the rest."—BALMEZ.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Official Summons of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

Canadian Delegates to be chosen for the Cities and Country at Large in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, St. John and Halifax.

(FROM THE FREEMAN'S JOURNAL.)

LONDON, May 21.—To-day a meeting of the Irish Parliamentary Party was held in Committee Room No. 17, at one o'clock. Mr. John Dillon presided. A special order for the summoning of the National Convention, to be held in Dublin in September next, was considered, and on the motion of Mr. Denis Kibrio, seconded by Mr. P. C. Doogan, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That having considered the scheme drawn up by the Executive of the Irish National Federation and the Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party for holding a National Convention in Dublin in September next, which has been submitted to us, we approve of the constitution and mode of election proposed therein."

On the motion of Mr. John Dillon, seconded by Dr. M. A. McDonnell, the following resolution was adopted with one dissentient:

Resolved—"That we, the members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, in meeting assembled, feel it our duty to record our conviction of the supreme importance of the National cause, and a re-formation of unity amongst the supporters of the Home Rule movement, and in our earnest desire to accomplish that result we are prepared to meet on fair and equal terms those from whom we are unhappily now divided, and by whom the reconstruction of a united Home Rule movement shall be cordially received and justly considered, regardless of all past differences; and having regard, not to his capacity to render service to the common cause, but to his personal merits, Mr. John Redmond and his friends to co-operate with us in a common earnest endeavour to make the coming Convention an effective means of satisfying the wide-spread yearning of the Irish race for a thorough reunion which it is obviously impossible for us, without the consent of our opponents, to include them in the arrangements for the National Convention, we ask them to join us in making such arrangements as will secure for them a full representation in the Convention on the basis hereinafter indicated."

The meeting adjourned.

In pursuance of the following resolution passed at the meeting of the Irish Parliamentary Party, held at 21 Rutland square, Dublin, on Thursday, November 14th, 1895—"That this party approves of the suggestion made by the Archbishop of Toronto in favour of a National Convention representative of the Irish race throughout the world, and that with a view of carrying out this decision, the officers of the branch to be elected to effect the Chairman and Committee of the Irish Party are hereby authorized to communicate with the Executive of the National Federation and jointly with them to make arrangements for the holding of such a Convention."

Resolved—"That the following be adopted as a scheme for the summoning of the National Convention:—

A National Convention of representatives of the Irish race throughout the world, supporters of the Irish Home Rule movement, is summoned to meet in Dublin in September. Date of meeting to be subsequently announced.

The delegates shall be as follows

1.—IRELAND.

(1) Three delegates from each branch of the Irish National Federation, and if there are more than 300 members in the branch, one additional delegate for each 100 members in excess of 300.

(2) The delegates are to be elected at a meeting of the branch to be held after not less than one week's notice on some day, not later than 16th August, and a certificate of election signed by the chairman and secretary of the meetings is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Irish National Federation, 21 Rutland square, Dublin, so as to be received not later than 18th August.

(3) One delegate from each parish in which there is no branch of the Federation. The delegate is to be elected at a parish meeting to be called by local Nationalists, and the foregoing provisions are to apply.

(4) Clergymen of all denominations.

(5) Nationalist members of local public bodies.

(6) Three delegates from each Gaelic Athletic Club, Young Ireland Society, National Literary Society, and Labour organization having not less than 50 members, and if there are more than 300 members in the branch one additional delegate for every 100 members in excess of 300.

The delegates are to be elected at a meeting to be called by the officers of the organization, and all the foregoing provisions are to apply.

2.—GREAT BRITAIN.

One delegate from each branch of the Irish National League of Great Britain, having not less than 100 members, and one additional delegate for each 100 members in excess of 100.

The foregoing provisions are to apply, subject, however, to such further provision as may be made by the Executive of the Irish National League of Great Britain, which is now charged with the administration of the matter.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DELEGATES FROM ABROAD.

As distance and expense preclude the possibility of the attendance of any large number of delegates from abroad and local knowledge is required intelligently to adjust the distribution of representation, no express limitation of numbers is proposed. Certificates of election are in all cases to be forwarded, so as to reach the Secretary of the Irish National Federation, Dublin, not later than 18th August.

—NORTH AMERICA.—

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DELEGATES TO BE CHOSEN.

1. By the Irish National Federation of America.

2. By the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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The delegates are to be chosen by each organization according to the rules to be made by the Executive of the organization concerned.

b) CANADA.

Delegates to be chosen for their own cities and the country at large by the Irish National organizations in each of the following cities:

Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

The delegates are to be elected at a meeting of the organization, or if there be more than one organization at a joint meeting of the organizations of the city, to be called by concerted action of the executive in the city.

1.—AUSTRALASIA.

Delegates for the city and district and the country at large are to be chosen by the local branch of the Irish National Federation; or where there is no such branch by the concerted action of the local Nationalists.

In Australia—Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth.

In New Zealand—Auckland, Wellington, Westland District.

In Tasmania—Hobart, Launceston.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Further provisions as to the supply and delivery of delegates of credentials, and other necessary preliminaries for the organization of the convention will be prepared and issued in the time.

(FREEMAN'S JOURNAL EDITORIAL MAY 21)

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING IRISH CONVENTION.

The question of the constitution of the Convention had been submitted to the Executive of the Irish National Federation and the Chairman of the Irish Party, and the scheme which has been evolved has been unanimously approved of by the Party at yesterday's meeting. It has been wisely decided to make the Convention as representative as possible.

Delegates are allowed, in proportion to the numbers and importance of every national organization. Clergymen of all denominations and National members of local election bodies are made ex-officio members of the Convention. Ample provision is made for the wisest and most thorough representation of Irishmen in England. In regard to the matter is very wisely left largely in the hands of the American and Australian Nationalists both as regards the form of election and the number of the delegates. From the most of the delegates, there has been the most excellent amongst exiled Irishmen a considerable contingent may be expected from across the Atlantic and the Pacific Ocean. September is the month fixed for the Convention, though the particular day has not yet been decided.

It is safe to prophesy that the Convention will be the greatest and most representative gathering of the Irish race ever assembled. It will once more concentrate the attention of Mr. Gladstone world, to whose judgment Mr. Gladstone on Ireland's claim to liberty and nationhood. It will bring stern warning to the exultant enemies of Home Rule. It will bring hope and courage to the pondering of Ireland's future, a march past of the friends on whom she can count in the Old World and the New. Ireland at least holds no position of isolation, contempt or otherwise. She has the splendidly organized nation in sympathy of every civilized nation. But from the millions of her own sons outside her shores, wherever their lot is cast, she can claim not sympathy merely but sacrifice and self-devotion, and have her claim allowed.

To Ireland here at home the Convention will mean the awakening of their spirits to the old-time enthusiasm and activity in the Irish cause. There has been too much apathy of late, but subject, however, to such further provision as may be made by the Executive of the Irish National League of Great Britain, which is now charged with the administration of the matter.

spatial bogotten of his own vast leal. The chance, the greatest chance ever offered, of grasping Home Rule in 1892 has been lost. No man now doubts that if we had Ireland then united Ireland would not be free. Disunion made her friends weak and her enemies strong. To disunion she owes the wretched Government that now enslaves the nation of concision to Ireland when Ireland is so quiet. The deliberate blots of justice on the land question by the existing Government brings straight home to Irish hearts the salutary lesson that the National movement is no mere sentimental crusade. It is the struggle of the people for the right to live in their own land. It has been made more and more apparent that the and question of the National question are irreversibly joined and must be fought together. It is little better than folly to talk of a land movement divorced from political agitation. It is by political action alone, as Mr. Ballour contended, with caution that not the smallest instalment of justice to the Irish farmers can be wrung from their British rulers. The agrarian question as well as the National question will receive the fullest consideration and the strongest stimulus from the Convention.

It is most earnestly to be hoped that Nationalists of all sections will be included in this great and historic assembly. The resolution which was carried by the Party with a single dissentient voice breathes the spirit of wise and patient conciliation and concession. We are convinced that it will find also universal approval in Ireland. All honest Irish Nationalists are sick of discussion, though the road to escape from discussion may not seem easy to find. The bitterness of the conflict has gone by. It is the fault of the Irish character—a fault which has its root in the strength of honest conviction—to find no merit in an opponent. But as the heat of the conflict has cooled down, Nationalists and Parallels are beginning to recognize that both were governed by honest conviction. They recognize that no principle or shadow of those bent on discussion have to search vainly for a language of concession for its continuance. Nationalists are still convinced of the wisdom and patriotism of the course which they adopted. The judgment of the vast majority of Irishmen at home and abroad has vindicated their course. While Nationalists are not a jot of their own principles, they have no desire to impugn the principles of their Parallels opponents. They recognize that no ground, no colorable excuse, exists for continued conflict. They ask the Parallels to abandon the pretence of recanting no conviction which they have affirmed, but to let the dead pass bury its dead, and to act in the living present in the old spirit of brotherhood and patriotism in the Irish cause. This was the message which yesterday's resolution conveyed to Mr. John Redmond. It is to be hoped that the reply will be the ending of the Irish discussion.

The day of the Convention has been fixed for Tuesday September 1st.

AT LORETTO ABBEY.

First Communion—His Grace the Archbishop Administers Confirmation.

Whose heart is not touched, whose memory is not stirred, whose best and holiest feelings are not awakened, when privileged to witness the beautiful and pathetic ceremony of a First Communion? When a convent chapel is the scene of the interesting event, the surroundings make a beautiful setting for what is always a lovely ceremony. The vision of some twenty little girls in their first Communion dress with wreaths and veils so suggestive of innocence and purity, accompanied by as many still smaller children—attendant angels—bearing lighted candles, slowly approaching the altar, and the hands of the priest, now appealing invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Litany of Loretto, was a gladsome sight in the devotional chapel of Loretto Abbey in the early morning of Thursday last, the 28th of May. Mass was celebrated at half-past seven o'clock by the chaplain, Rev. W. McCann.

The singing of the young ladies of Loretto Abbey is proverbially good, but their artistic rendering of the hymns from the Roman hymnal was a revelation, the rendering of O Lord I Am Not Worthy" being particularly beautiful. One cannot but be carried away with the spontaneity and joyousness of the singing in this chapel. The young ladies trained in this institution should certainly be spotted in spreading the laudable custom of congregational singing, so finished are their efforts in this direction.

In the afternoon at half-past four His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, after eloquently addressing the assembled congregation upon the holiness and dignity of the Sacrament, the obligations contracted on its reception and the venerable Church from whose bosom it is dispensed. In the sanctuary were the Very Revs. J. J. McCann of St. Mary's and F. Ryan, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, the Revs. J. L. Hand of St. Paul's, J. Walsh of Our Lady of Lourdes, J. M. Cruise of St. Helen's, Brockton, and W. McCann of St. Mary's. The congregation of teachers and students was swelled with the attendance of the parents and friends of the young aspirants for Confirmation, and

ON TRINITY SUNDAY.

Confirmation at St. Michael's Cathedral.

Sermon by His Grace, The Archbishop— Reception and (Choral services in the afternoon) solemn renewal of Baptismal vows.

On last Sunday His Grace, the Archbishop of Toronto administered the sacrament of Confirmation in St. Michael's Cathedral in presence of a large congregation. At 8 o'clock a special Mass was said at which the children made their first Communion. The Archbishop spoke a few words to the children from the altar rail, preparing them for the great sacrament they were about to receive. He told them that this was the great day of their lives, the day when they were to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ Himself, really and truly and substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

After the 8 o'clock Mass His Grace, assisted by the priests of the cathedral, administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 85 children and 16 adults—13 of whom were converts—taking occasion at the same time to explain the meaning and significance of the sacrament. He said that Christ established a Church, the particular office of which was to apply to individual souls the saving graces which He merited for us by His passion and death on the Cross. By the sacrament of Baptism we became Christians, children of God, and heirs to the kingdom of heaven. In the sacrament of Baptism we turned our backs on the world, its allurements and enjoyments, we renounced the devil and all his works and pomps to devote ourselves and our energies to Christ the Lord. However, the way of the Christian was beset with trials and difficulties, and human nature replete with corrupt and violent passions could not acquire the calm for which we are created without special strength and fortitude. And here was the place of Confirmation in the economy of Christianity. Baptism made us Christians; but Confirmation made us strong and perfect Christians. By Baptism we became children of God, but by Confirmation we became soldiers of Christ. In Baptism we were born into the Church, but by Confirmation we attained Christian manhood; became athletes in the cause of God and religion. His Grace took occasion to remind the parents that they should always strive to fulfill the grave and onerous duties which God imposed on them, viz., to instruct them in the Christian religion and give them a sound moral training which would enable their little ones to fulfill the end for which they were created. He told the children, above all, to avoid pernicious literature; novels, magazines and newspapers, whose literature was destructive to the purity of the Christian soul. He warned the parents to be careful what reading they permitted to come to the hands of their children, and told them it was their duty to provide in their homes good Catholic books and papers. He afterwards gave the pledge of total abstinence to boys, which they are bound to keep until they are 21 years of age.

At 10 o'clock a beautiful and interesting ceremony took place, when twenty young ladies were received into the Society of the Children of Mary and thirty children into the Angels Sodality. In connection with the reception a grand choral service was rendered by the children's choir of the cathedral, assisted by a capital orchestra and several soloists. Madama Palmira Bouvini's singing of Cherubini's "Ave Maria" and the solos of Miss Lobb and Miss Chopin of the Abbey, "The Holy City" and "O Salutaris" respectively, were features of the service. Miss Bonner officiated at the organ. Rev. Father Ryan delivered an earnest address, explaining the object of the two societies, that of promoting charity and the kindred virtues, and pointing out the Holy Virgin inculcated. After the sermon the young ladies, who wore white veils, were formally received into the societies, a wreath being placed on the head of each when they had taken the obligations prescribed.

In the evening there was a solemn renewal of baptismal vows. The children who made their first Communion

in the morning together with the entire congregation stood up to renew their baptismal vows in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph's Church, Lefferville.

The pretty church of St. Joseph's was the scene of a pleasing and impressive ceremony on Tuesday Sunday, the occasion being the confirmation of the children and adults of the parish by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Walsh. Elaborate preparations had been made to have the services worthy of this important event. The ladies of the Altar Society with their usual zeal had labored assiduously for the two weeks preceding and the result of their efforts was seen in the artistic decoration of the altar, which were never displayed to better advantage. The choir under the leadership of Miss Lizzie Murphy had practiced diligently for some time previous and their parts were rendered in a style which was fully up to their usual high standard.

High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McEntee, assisted by Rev. Father Hadyn as deacon, and Rev. Mr. Ryan, of St. Michael's College, sub-deacon.

His Grace, before administering the sacrament, delivered a short but eloquent and fatherly sermon, and the instructions which accompanied it were given in a clear and forcible manner, which left no doubts in the minds of those about to be confirmed of the nature of their duties and what they were expected to do when fortified by the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost.

About 1000 approached the altar rails and the ceremony was performed in the usual manner, His Grace being assisted by Very Rev. Vicar General McCann and Rev. Father Frachon. The pledge of total abstinence was administered to those under the age of 21.

The congregation were profoundly moved at the sight of so many adults receiving Confirmation, but this was due to the persistent efforts of Father McEntee, who sacrificed himself and spared no pains in travelling over the parish again and again in search of those who had neglected this important step, and urging them to come to the instructions, but must have felt cheered and rewarded by the gratifying spectacle of the large number who had responded to his call.

Millard's Mass was sung by the choir, the solo part being taken by Miss Farnham, Miss Brock, Mrs. Brooks, Miss Jennie Murray and Messrs. John Wright and Richard Howarth. During the Offertory Millard's Veni Creator was given with pleasing effect, the solo being sung by Miss Murphy with feeling and expression and in her usual finished style.

The services were concluded with the usual announcements and a short instruction by Father McEntee.

Donation Bank.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of this prosperous institution was held last week at the head office in this city. The report of the management for the year ending 30th April, 1896, was read, and the assets and liabilities submitted in full and particular form. The progress made is evidenced in the dividends paid shareholders, which, since August, 1895, have risen to a figure so high as \$180,000.00 while the profit on business done during the twelve months amounted to \$189,862.12. This, after deducting charges of management and providing for bad and doubtful debts, is a healthy exhibit of the bank's affairs—an exhibit which speaks creditably for the Management, from President Austin to the latest acquisition on the staff.

Picnic at Brechin.

A grand picnic will be held at Brechin on Thursday, June 13, in aid of St. Andrew's church. The zealous pastor, Rev. Father McRae, is doing his best to send the good people to the picnic, and should meet with hearty co-operation from all who know the good work he has accomplished in his parish. Readers of THE REGISTER would do well to send the good priest 25c for a ticket.

Mrs. Palmira Bouvini.

We are pleased to correct a mistake which occurred in our item of last week's issue under the caption "A Famous Soprano in St. Basil's," stating that the lady who is made the subject of it is the wife of Mr. Henry O'Brien. It should have said, the wife of Prof. E. J. O'Brien, the well known artist and phonologist. She was formerly the Countess D'Emery, better known as Madame Bouvini, of Milan, Italy, and had the honor of singing before the crowned heads of Europe. The Ave Maria she so beautifully sang was Cherubini's, and was sung in concert, and was not, as stated, an original composition. Mrs. O'Brien was for fourteen years a most successful teacher of singing in Liverpool, England, and for eight years principal soprano in one of the leading churches in that city.

Novitate Pic-Nic.

A picnic in aid of the Novitate of St. Basil, St. Clair Avenue, Deer Park, will be held at Wells Hill, Bathurst street, on Saturday next, June 6th. The ladies of the congregation are in charge of the arrangements, and they promise those who attend a variety of amusements which will make the day one of the most successful picnics ever held in this city. There will be games, and prizes for the winners in them; an excellent orchestra, and a string band. Parties can reach the picnic grounds by Bathurst street, on Saturday next, June 6th. The ladies of the Holy Rosary to make this picnic a success will be appreciated by a large attendance at Wells Hill on Saturday.

REGISTER JOTTINGS.

M. Pontelli will be the new French Minister to the Vatican. The Pope has expressed his willingness to receive him.

In Madame Schumann who has just died at an advanced age, the world of music has lost a striking and attractive figure. As an executante on the piano-forte Madame Schumann had few rivals.

A Rome correspondent telegraphs that the Pope has ordered prayers to be offered during the Feast of Pentecost in all the churches for the return of dissentients to Catholicism. It is interesting to know that the Pope's Encyclical on the union of Churches, which will shortly be issued, was written entirely by the late cardinal Ghaliberti, who was the principal instrument of the Pope in carrying out this work.

A Melbourne correspondent announces the death of the Hon. Sir Patrick Alphonse Buckley, K.C.M.G., one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Sir Patrick Buckley was the son of Mr. C. Buckley, and was born near Castle Townsend, in county Cork in 1841. He married Alice, daughter of the Hon. Sir William Fitzherbert, K.C.M.G. He was educated in Cork and at the Universities of Paris and Louvain.

Musical Service at St. Paul's.

Next Sunday June 7th, the Feast of Corpus Christi will be solemnized. There will be special musical services in St. Paul's church in the evening at 7 o'clock. The following programme will be sung: Mr. McVay directing the music, Miss Rigby presiding at the organ.

Domine...Choir...Gloria Es Mater...Choir...Gloria Laudate Deum...Choir...Gloria Laudate Dominum...Miss Iroman and choir.

Prayers...Father Chant...Magnificus...Choir...Gloria O Salutaris...Miss Elliot.

Ave Verum...Mr. Tomney...Tantum Ergo...C. Minor...Lambillotte Holy God we praise Thy name...German Choral.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Hand.

C. O. F. Convention.

The Convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters met in the city of Ottawa, the delegates, over 80 in number, attended Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral in the morning. Father Ryan was the celebrant. The following were present: Mr. McEntee, Campbell and McDonald. Father Ryan delivered a short address to the delegates, commending them for beginning the business of their convention as good, practical Catholics, and in conformity with the order of the approval with which Archbishop Walsh regarded its aims and objects. The session was recommenced on the return to Toronto on Monday, June 2nd. A cablegram was sent to the Pope asking for the Papi benediction, and a similar message was telegraphed to the Provincial Council, Archbishop Desjardins of Ottawa, Messrs. W. H. Kay, James Walsh, M. Walsh and D. A. Carey. The recommendation of the Management and Supplies Committee that the school be closed on the 30th of June back to the midsummer holidays, and open on September 1st was accepted, as was also their recommendation that the entrance examinations be held on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of August. The next convention will be held in Cornwall.

The School Board.

A meeting of the Catholic Separate School Board was held on Tuesday night, Vice-Chairman McCann in the chair. Also present were: Rev. Fathers Rohleder, Land, Cruise, McCann and Carey, and Messrs. W. H. Kay, James Walsh, M. Walsh and D. A. Carey. The recommendation of the Management and Supplies Committee that the school be closed on the 30th of June back to the midsummer holidays, and open on September 1st was accepted, as was also their recommendation that the entrance examinations be held on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of August. The next convention will be held in Cornwall.

Last Communion at St. Paul's.

Last Sunday being Trinity Sunday about one hundred children made their First Communion in St. Paul's Church. Shortly before 8 o'clock they entered the church, the girls in snowy white with wreaths and veils, and the boys in neat black suits with white neckties. The ceremony was presided over by Rev. Father Hand, the conduct of the children throughout being most edifying, showing how fully they realized and understood the great blessing which was about to be bestowed upon them. The singing at this Mass was by the Angels Choir under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph with Miss Rigby as organist. It is needless to speak of this subject, as the children of St. Paul's have already earned a wide-spread reputation for their excellent choral singing. The Offertory music "O Salutaris" was sung exceptionally good, the solo being taken by Miss Maud O'Connor, and the Communion hymn was sweetly sung by Miss Florence Mason. The pastor of St. Paul's is very anxious to have the children of St. Paul's take a lively interest in it. In the evening the children were enrolled in the sodality, and received into the respective sodalities.